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## AZTEC CLUB OF 1847.

Founded October 13th, 1847.

### " OBJECT.

" This Association formed and founded in the City of Mexico, in the year 1847, by officers of the United States Army, shall be continued in perpetuity as ' The Aztec Club of 1847,' with a view to cherish the memories and keep alive the traditions that cluster about the names of those officers who took part in the Mexican War of 1846, '47, and '48."

### " MEMBERSHIP.

" *First.*—Those officers who inaugurated the Aztec Club in the City of Mexico on the 13th of October, 1847, numbering 160 members and the two honorary members named in Articles I. and IV. of the Constitution published in March, 1848 ; and

" *Second.*—Those officers who by resolution of 1871 became eligible to membership since that date, having served in some part of Mexico during the war with that country, and who have been or may hereafter be elected members. The names of members admitted upon personal application will be enrolled as Primary Members on a list (Number *One*) to be arranged permanently, in numerical series, in the order of date of admittance—not to be altered except by future *additions* or by *dismissals* for cause.

" *Third.*—To extend to the memory of comrades killed in battle in Mexico or who died of wounds received in Mexico prior to the formation of our Club, all the honorable distinctions pertaining to membership in the Club, it was resolved in 1883 that upon application

by the eldest son or nearest lineal descendant of the officer so killed such son or lineal descendant may be eligible to membership as representing his dead relative. When such representative has been duly elected and qualified, the name of the dead officer and the battle where he was killed should be entered on List Number *One*, in a separate group with his representative, in the order of election.

“*Fourth.*—As provided in 1887, the son or nearest blood relative of any deceased officer who never himself applied for membership (though eligible thereto because of personal service in Mexico during the war) may make written application for admission as the representative of his father or blood relative. . . . If elected and qualified the name of such dead officer shall also be enrolled on List Number *One*, in the same numerical series, in a separate group, and in the order of the date of admittance of the lineal descendant.

“*Fifth.*—To provide for the continuance of the Club in conformity with the resolution of September, 1874, each Primary Member admitted upon personal application may nominate as his successor his son or a blood relative, who during the life of the Primary shall be known as an Associate Member, and entitled to all the privileges of the Club, except that of voting, and upon the death of the Primary shall be entitled as his representative to full membership. Should a Primary die without having named his successor, his son (first) or nearest blood relative (next) may, on written application, be nominated as his representative; . . . but no one proposed for an Associate Member or as the representative of a deceased member shall be voted for until the Examining Committee shall report him eligible and qualified to join the Club. If minors are proposed, their names will be retained for future action until they attain their majority. . . . A Representative Member may present a blood relative of the Primary Member he represents as his associate, and, if elected, he will be entitled to the privileges of an Associate Member, and upon the death of the representative may himself become a Representative Member, and in like manner nominate as his associate the nearest living blood relative of the dead Primary Member, if there be one qualified to become an acceptable representative of said Primary. When no such lineal descendant of the Primary Member exists, the succession for such member of the Aztec Club will cease.”

## COLONIAL ORDER OF THE ACORN.

Instituted January 30th, 1894. Incorporated February 3d, 1894.

### " OBJECTS.

" To cherish and perpetuate American traditions and associations, and to promote patriotism and loyalty to our National Institutions."

### " MEMBERSHIP.

" It is a pre-requisite to admission that a candidate shall be a descendant, in the male line, of a forefather resident prior to July 4th, 1776, in one of the North American Colonies, that afterwards became the thirteen original States, and shall be nominated for membership and seconded by members of the Order."

## DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION.

Organized September 9th, 1891.

### " OBJECTS.

" To keep alive among its members and their descendants, and throughout the community, the patriotic spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence ; to collect and secure for preservation the manuscript rolls, records and other documents relating to the War of the American Revolution, and provide a place for their preservation and a fund for their purchase ; to encourage historical research in relation to such Revolution and to publish its results ; to promote and assist in the proper celebration of prominent events relating to or connected with the War of the Revolution ; to promote social intercourse and the feeling of fellowship among its members ; ' and provide a home for and furnish assistance to such as may be impoverished, when it is in their power to do so. ' "

### " MEMBERSHIP.

" Any woman above the age of eighteen years shall be eligible to membership in the ' Daughters of the Revolution, ' who is a *lineal*

descendant from an ancestor who as a military or naval or marine officer, soldier, sailor or marine in actual service under the authority of any of the Thirteen Colonies or States, or of the Continental Congress, and remaining always loyal to such authority, or a descendant of one who signed the Declaration of Independence, or of one who as a member of the Continental Congress or of the Congress of any of the Colonies or States, or as an official appointed by or under the authority of any such representative bodies actually assisting in the establishment of American Independence by service rendered during the War of the Revolution, becoming thereby liable to conviction of treason against the Government of Great Britain, but remaining always loyal to the authority of the Colonies or States, shall be eligible to membership in this Society."

#### DESCENDANTS OF THE PIONEERS OF AMERICA—

##### 17TH CENTURY.

Organized 1893.

##### "OBJECTS.

"To collect information respecting the history of the families of the first settlers in this country, and to preserve their genealogies."

##### "MEMBERSHIP.

"Eligibility to membership is derived only through the direct male line, and from one who settled in any part of America prior to the year 1700. This shall include all nationalities.

"Members must be at least twenty-one years of age, of good repute and standing in society.

"The application for membership must be in writing, and set forth in detail the direct lineage from the original ancestor who emigrated to this country, with the date and place of settlement and from what country he came."

## GENERAL SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812.

Organized September 14th, 1814.

### "OBJECTS.

"To perpetuate the memory and spirit of the men who completed the work of the Revolution by the victories of the War of 1812; to encourage research in relation to this event and the publication of the same; to the establishment of a library and museum for the preservation of documents and relics relating to said war; care and burial of veterans of War of 1812, where it is necessary, and participation in and promotion of the celebration of the anniversaries of the great events of that war; to cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom, and foster true patriotism and love of country."

### "MEMBERSHIP.

"Any male person above the age of twenty-one (21) years, who participated in, or who is a lineal descendant of one who served during the War of 1812, in the army, navy, revenue-marine or privateer service of the United States."

## GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Organized March, 1866. First Post April 6th, 1866.

### "OBJECTS.

"1. To preserve and strengthen those kind and fraternal feelings which bind together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late Rebellion, and to perpetuate the memory and history of the dead.

"2. To assist such former comrades in arms as need help and protection, and to extend needful aid to the widows and orphans of those who have fallen.

"3. To maintain true allegiance to the United States of America, based upon a paramount respect for, and fidelity to, its Constitution and Laws; to discountenance whatever tends to weaken loyalty,

incites to insurrection, treason, or rebellion, or in any manner impairs the efficiency and permanency of our free institutions ; and to encourage the spread of universal liberty, equal rights, and justice to all men."

" MEMBERSHIP.

"Soldiers and sailors of the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, who served between April 12th, 1861, and April 9th, 1865, in the war for the suppression of the Rebellion, and those having been honorably discharged therefrom after such service, and of such State regiments as were called into active service and subject to the orders of U. S. General Officers, between the dates mentioned, shall be eligible to membership in the Grand Army of the Republic. No person shall be eligible to membership who has at any time borne arms against the United States."

HUGUENOT SOCIETY OF AMERICA.

Organized April 12th, 1883. Incorporated June 12th, 1885.

"OBJECTS.

" *Firstly*.—To perpetuate the memory and to foster and promote the principles and virtues of the Huguenots.

" *Secondly*.—To publicly commemorate at stated times the principal events in the history of the Huguenots.

" *Thirdly*.—To discover, collect, and preserve all still-existing documents, monuments, etc., relating to the genealogy or history of the Huguenots of America.

" *Fourthly*.—To gather by degrees a library, for the use of the Society, composed of all obtainable books, monographs, pamphlets, manuscripts, church and other registers, relating to the Huguenots.

" *Fifthly*.—To cause statedly to be prepared and read before the Society ; papers, essays, etc., especially on obscure or disputed questions in Huguenot history or genealogy, their settlements, biographies, public acts, influence on society, arts, commerce, and politics of America especially, and of other countries where they settled.



"*Sixthly*.—To cause to be prepared and published, when the requisite materials have been discovered and procured, from time to time, a series of octavo volumes entitled : ' Collections of The Huguenot Society of America.'

"An Annual Bulletin shall also be published to correspond in general uniformity with the ' Collections.' It shall contain the proceedings of the Society, notices of papers read before the Society, or abstracts of them, or the papers in full, at the discretion of the Publication Committee. It shall also contain the Annual Financial Statement of the Treasurer and such a brief review of the doings of other Huguenot Societies as the Committee may deem it advisable to print.

"*Seventhly*.—To establish branches of this Society in other American cities and to encourage the foundation of similar Societies in other countries where Huguenots have taken refuge, in order to arrive, with their aid, at a correct estimate of the combined influence of the Huguenots upon the history of the world at large."

#### "MEMBERSHIP.

"SEC. 1.—The membership of the Society shall be as follows :

"*Firstly*.—All descendants in the direct male lines of the Huguenot families that emigrated to America prior to the promulgation of the Edict of Toleration, November 28th, 1787.

"*Secondly*.—All descendants through the female lines of the Huguenot families that emigrated to America prior to the promulgation of the Edict of Toleration, November 28th, 1787.

"*Thirdly*.—Representatives of other French families whose profession of the Protestant faith is anterior to the promulgation of the Edict of Toleration, November 28th, 1787.

"*Fourthly*.—Writers who have made the history, genealogy, principles, etc., of the Huguenots a special subject of study and research, to whatever nationality they may belong.

"SEC. 2.—The members of the Society may consist of three classes, Resident, Corresponding, and Honorary.

"SEC. 3.—The annual fees of members, Corresponding and Honorary members excepted, shall be five dollars, and the payment of fifty dollars shall constitute a life member."

## OHIO SOCIETY OF NEW YORK.

Organized January 13th, 1886.

### "OBJECTS.

"To cultivate social intercourse among its members and to promote their best interests."

### "MEMBERSHIP.

"Any person is eligible to membership who is over eighteen years of age, and is a native, or the son of a native, of the State of Ohio, or has been a resident of Ohio for a period of seven years."

## MEDAL OF HONOR LEGION.

Organized April 23d, 1890.

### "OBJECTS.

"Ever mindful that the 'Medal of Honor' is an insignia of heroic meaning, its possessors are thereby reminded that it is their habitual and most constant and ceaseless duty to be at all times gallant, modest, self-sacrificing and patriotic, and of spotless integrity in both private and public life. Having in the darkest hours of their country's history attested their fidelity, they now, in a golden era of patriotism and prosperity, bind themselves to love, with equal sincerity and earnestness, all portions of their country and to teach by conduct and example, obedience to a sacred and venerated Constitution and the laws of the land, and a common devotion to the Union, and to the one flag which alone represents its greatness, power, and glory.

"The principles and objects of the Legion, as thus defined, include the obligation and duty to cherish all patriotic memories, to cultivate in truth and charity fraternal fellowship and sympathies, and contribute our earnest efforts at all times, in cordial co-operation with all other organizations, in securing and advancing the best interests of all comrades and worthy soldiers and sailors."



## “ MEMBERSHIP.

“ The membership of this Legion shall consist of Companions of two classes.

“ *First Class.*—All officers and enlisted men of the Regular Army and Volunteer forces of the United States to whom Medals of Honor have been presented by the President in the name of Congress, as having most distinguished themselves by their gallantry in action and other soldier-like qualities during the war for the preservation and maintenance of the Union and the Constitution, 1861-65 ; all petty officers, seamen, landsmen, and marines of the United States Navy to whom the Secretary of the Navy has presented Medals of Honor, pursuant to act or resolution of Congress, as having most distinguished themselves by their gallantry in action or extraordinary heroism in the line of their profession and other seamanlike qualities during said war ; all officers and enlisted men of the Regular or Volunteer forces of the United States, and officers, petty officers, seamen, landsmen, and marines of the Navy of the United States who have received or may hereafter receive medals, pursuant to any act or resolution of Congress as having most distinguished themselves by gallantry in battle or heroism in the line of their profession during any other war in which the United States has been or may be hereafter engaged, or any minor military or naval operations or engagements, including active warfare against the Indians.

“ The Executive Committee hereinafter provided for shall determine in each case whether the holder of any such medal has received it according to the true intent and meaning of the act or resolution of Congress under which it was awarded.

“ *Second Class.*—The Second Class shall be composed of the sons, or, on failure of sons, of the Daughters of Companions of the First Class,—that is to say, the eldest or other son nominated by such member, or, on failure of sons, the eldest or other daughters so nominated shall be eligible to membership in the Second Class, and upon arriving at the age of twenty-one years he or she shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings of the Legion, and to vote on all questions as fully as if such Companion were of the First Class ; and upon the decease of a Companion of the First Class his aforesaid

successor shall become a Companion of the First Class, with all the rights of an original member of that class, if of full age or upon arriving at full age.

“The Legion shall be maintained always by hereditary succession, as thus defined and provided for, and on failure of sons and daughters of Companions of the First Class, any person of kin to such Companion whom he may nominate during his lifetime, or who, on failure of such nomination, may thereafter be elected, may be admitted as a Companion of the Second Class.”

## MILITARY ORDER OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Instituted December 17th, 1894.

### “OBJECTS.

“To honor and perpetuate the names of those who served their country as commissioned officers in wars with a foreign foe, in either branch of the service, in either the War of the Revolution, the War with Tripoli, the War of 1812, the Mexican War.”

### “MEMBERSHIP.

“SEC. 1.—*Companionship*. Any male person, above the age of twenty-one years, a citizen of the United States, of good moral character and reputation, shall be eligible to Companionship in this Order, upon further qualifying as hereinafter provided. Members shall be known as ‘Companions,’ and shall be either ‘Veteran Companions’ or ‘Hereditary Companions.’

“SEC. 2.—*Veteran Companions*. These shall be Commissioned Officers in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States, or honorably discharged therefrom, who did active field, garrison, or naval duty in any of the wars designated in Section 4 of this article, as a soldier, sailor, or marine in the service of one of the States or of the United States; and also persons who did such active field, garrison, or naval duty, in any of said wars, as Commissioned Officers therein, and who received their commissions by direct act of either Federal or State authority and who were honorably discharged from service.

"SEC. 3.—*Hereditary Companions.* These shall be the direct male lineal descendants, in the male line, of any Veteran Companion ; *Provided*, that, in case any Veteran Companion has no direct male lineal descendant, he shall have the privilege of nominating as his representative and successor, a brother, or a nephew of the same family name ; and also the direct male lineal descendants, in the male line, of a Commissioned Officer, as the Propositus, who performed active field, garrison, or naval duty, as a Commissioned Officer, in any of said wars, and who received his Commission by direct act of one of the thirteen original Colonies, or of Vermont, or of the Continental Congress, or of one of the States, or of the United States.

"*Provided* : That such Propositus remained always loyal to his cause, and was either killed or died in service, or was honorably discharged therefrom ; and

"*Provided* : That when the claim to eligibility is based upon the service of an ancestor in the 'Militia,' it must be satisfactorily shown that such ancestor was actually called into the service of one of said thirteen original Colonies, or of Vermont, or of the Continental Congress, or of one of the States, or of the United States, and performed garrison or field duty ; and

"*Provided* : That when the claim to eligibility is based upon the service of an ancestor as a 'Naval or Marine Officer,' it must be satisfactorily shown that such service was regularly performed in the Continental Navy, or in the Navy of one of the thirteen original Colonies, or of Vermont, or of one of the States, or of the United States, or on an armed vessel, other than a merchant ship, which sailed under letters of marque and reprisal, and that such ancestor was duly enrolled in the ship's company as a Commissioned Officer.

"SEC. 4.—Such service must be satisfactorily shown to have been performed in one of the following wars :

"The War of the Revolution, between the 19th day of April, 1775, and the 19th day of April, 1783 ;

"The War with Tripoli, between the 10th day of June, 1801, and the 4th day of June, 1805 ;

"The War of 1812, between the 18th day of June, 1812, and the 18th day of February, 1815 ;

"The Mexican War, between the 9th day of April, 1846, and the 4th day of July, 1848."

NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE CHILDREN OF THE  
AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Incorporated April 11th, 1895.

“OBJECTS.

“We, the children and youth of America, in order to know more about our country from its formation and thus grow up into good citizens, with a love for, and an understanding of, the principles and institutions of our ancestors, do unite under the guidance and government of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in the Society to be called the National Society of the Children of the American Revolution.

“We take as objects of this Society, to work for : First, the acquisition of knowledge of American history, so that we may understand and love our country better, and then any patriotic work that will help us to that end, keeping a constant endeavor to influence all other children and youth to the same purpose ; to help to save the places made sacred by the American men and women who forwarded American Independence ; to find out and to honor the lives of children and youth of the Colonies and of the American Revolution ; to promote the celebration of all patriotic anniversaries ; to place a copy of the Declaration of Independence and other historic documents in every place appropriate for them ; to hold our American flag sacred above every other flag on earth. In short, to follow the injunctions of Washington, who, in his youth, served his country, till we can perform the duties of good citizens.

“And to love, uphold, and extend the institutions of American liberty and patriotism, and the principles that made and saved our country.”

“MEMBERSHIP.

“All children and youth of America, of both sexes, from birth to the age of eighteen years for the girls and twenty-one years for the boys, may join this Society, provided they descend in direct line from patriotic ancestors who helped to plant or to perpetuate this country in the Colonies, or in the Revolutionary War, or in any other way.

"One of the reasons for starting this work is that it will tend to popularize the work of the public school toward patriotism and good government.

"Those children who are not eligible for membership are to be gathered by the Local Societies into all its public meetings, into its plans, and its work, and its pleasures ; so that the movement may be said to be one of the broadest and most beneficent that has touched child life."

#### NATIONAL SOCIETY OF THE COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA.

Organized May 23d, 1890. Incorporated April 13th, 1891.

#### "OBJECTS.

"*Whereas*, Every year that passes renders it more manifest that there is a great and widespread interest being developed in all matters appertaining to American history, an interest that is extending beyond our own borders, to every quarter of the habitable world, and, as the names of the founders of a nation are the first which greet the ears of growing youth in all countries, ancient or modern, it seems eminently fitting that the chief recipients of the blessings secured by such heroes and founders of the United States of America should unite in doing them honor.

"*Whereas*, This fresh and healthful interest in the self-sacrificing services and noble achievements of our country's beginners, inspires foreign visitors of intelligence and culture to make the most exhaustive inquiries into the history of their lives and characters and principles and the times in which they lived, and that neglect on the part of their descendants to possess the knowledge with which to furnish accurate information is inexcusable ;

"*Therefore*, The Society of the Colonial Dames of America has been formed and established in the city of New York, that the women, as well as the men of kindred institutions, may interest themselves in the study of the past and become imbued with the lessons and the details of great events in which their ancestors were directly concerned and cultivate the spirit of genuine patriotism, becoming thereby prepared to aid at all times in perpetuating the



memory of the brave men who in any important service by act or counsel, contributed to the achievement of American Independence and the consequent founding of this vast and wonderful empire of the Western world, and to promote as opportunity offers, the commemorative celebrations of great historical events of national importance."

#### "MEMBERSHIP.

"The 'Society of the Colonial Dames of America' shall be composed entirely of women who are legitimately descended *in their own persons* from some ancestor of worthy life who came to reside in an American Colony prior to 1776 and who was efficient in the service of the country either in the founding of a town or a commonwealth that has survived and developed into importance, who held an important position in the colonial government or who as a statesman or officer contributed to the achievement of American independence through which was created a great and powerful nation."

#### NATIONAL SOCIETY OF NEW ENGLAND WOMEN.

Instituted January 24th, 1895. Incorporated March 4th, 1895.

#### "OBJECTS.

"To promote social and intellectual intercourse among its members and to offer advice and assistance to women of New England birth and ancestry, residing in portions of the United States other than New England.

"It is not the intention to make this a benevolent society. It is only intended to render a service in any way to any New England women who may need it. The intention of the Society is to carry out New England principles as far as possible, of advancing the cause of intellectual progress, of searching up new ideas and introducing anything of a social nature which would seem to add to the happiness of its members."

#### “ MEMBERSHIP.

“*Active*.—An active member must have been born in New England, or one parent and a husband may have been born in New England.

“*Associate*.—An associate member must have one parent born in New England, a husband born in New England, two grandparents born in New England, or one grandparent who represents a line of New England ancestry, and who was born in New England.

“Daughters of members may become associate members.”

#### NAVAL ORDER OF THE UNITED STATES.

Organized November 10th, 1890.

#### “ OBJECTS.

“*Whereas*, Many of the principal battles and famous victories of the several wars in which the United States has participated were fought and achieved by the Naval forces ;

“*Whereas*, It is well and fitting that the illustrious deeds of the great Naval commanders, their companion officers in arms, and their subordinates in the wars of the United States should be forever honored and respected ;—

“*Therefore*, Entertaining the most exalted admiration of the undying achievements of the Navy, we, the survivors and descendants of participants of those memorable conflicts, have joined ourselves together and have instituted the ‘Naval Order of the United States,’ that we may transmit to our latest posterity their glorious names and memories ; and to encourage research and publication of data pertaining to Naval art and science, and to establish libraries in which to preserve all documents, rolls, books, portraits, and relics relating to the Navy and its heroes at all times.”

#### “ MEMBERSHIP.

“The Companions of the Order shall be of Three Classes :

“*First Class*.—Commissioned officers, Midshipmen and Naval Cadets, in actual service in the United States Navy, Marine Corps,

Revenue or Privateer services during the wars, or in face of the enemy in any engagement, in which the Navy of the United States has participated and who resigned or were discharged with honor, or who are still in the service, *provided*, however, that this clause shall not be so construed as to include officers who at any time have borne arms against the Government of the United States.

“The eldest lineal male representatives, or in default thereof, then one such collateral representative as may be deemed worthy, of *deceased* commissioned Officers, Midshipmen, and Naval Cadets in actual service in the Navy, Marine Corps, Revenue or Privateer services under the authority of any of the thirteen original Colonies or States, or of the Continental Congress during the War of the Revolution, or of the United States during the War with France, the War with Tripoli, the War of 1812, the War with Mexico, the Civil War, or in face of the enemy in any engagement in which the Navy of the United States has participated, and who resigned or were discharged with honor, or who were killed in the service.

“The admission and succession to membership in the First Class shall descend to the heir male, unless, for satisfactory reasons, another be chosen, in which case the membership shall extend to the life only of the Companion so elected, and at his decease the right to representation shall revert to the then existing heir male.

“*Second Class*.—Lineal male descendants of commissioned Officers, Midshipmen and Naval Cadets, who performed service in the Navy, Marine Corps, Revenue or Privateer services, as aforesaid.

“*Third Class*.—Enlisted men who have received the United States Naval Medal of Honor for bravery in face of the enemy may be enrolled, exempt from fees and dues, by the Commanderies of the States in which they reside.”

#### NETHERLANDS SOCIETY OF PHILADELPHIA.

##### “OBJECTS.

“To collect literature relating to the Netherlands, to disseminate a knowledge of Netherlands history and influence upon civilization, and to promote social intercourse among its members.”



## “MEMBERSHIP.

“To entitle an applicant to membership, he must produce satisfactory evidence to show lineal descent from Netherlanders, or from ancestors who lived continuously in the Netherlands for at least two generations, and that the ancestor through whom the right to membership is claimed emigrated to one of the American Colonies and resided therein prior to 1776. The applicant for membership must be twenty-one years of age, of good repute, and be proposed in writing by a member of the Society.”

## REGULAR ARMY AND NAVY UNION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Incorporated March 31st, 1888.

## “OBJECTS.

“*Whereas*, There are thousands of honorably discharged Regular soldiers, sailors, and marines, who have spent the best days of their lives in the service of their country, who are to-day total strangers to one another ; and

“*Whereas*, The Army, Navy, and Marine Corps of the United States of America are the principal guardians and strongest supporters of the Government in the protection of its citizens, their honor and integrity, their lives and liberties, as well as in the enforcement of the laws against the encroachment of foreign powers on the frontier, and in subduing those harassing and barbarous enemies of civilization,—the wild and treacherous Indians, who have been a source of bloody strife for many years; and considering it our duty for the purpose of fraternal recognition and the enhancement of social relations between its members, as well as for mutual protection and benefit, to reunite those separated by reason of discharge ; to preserve and strengthen that fraternal feeling which binds together the regular soldiers, sailors, and marines of the United States who have rendered faithful service to the Government ; to do all in our power to promote and elevate the social and material standing of the enlisted man, and the man before the mast, and to encourage and

abet legislation for his benefit ; to strenuously insist upon the enforcement of Federal and State Civil Service laws, when mandatory preference in the way of employment is to be given to honorably discharged veterans ; to care for the sick and distressed, to bury the dead, and to provide for the dependents of departed comrades and shipmates Therefore be it

*“Resolved,* That we, of the Regular service, who are honorably discharged from the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps of the United States, do hereby organize ‘The Regular Army and Navy Union of the United States of America,’ for the purposes and objects above mentioned.”

#### “MEMBERSHIP.

“SEC. 82.—An applicant for membership must be an enlisted man or apprentice of the Regular Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, having at the time of application for membership served not less than one year of his current enlistment ; or any honorably discharged or retired member of the Regular Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States of America, of good moral character, industrious habits, and possessed of some known reputable means of support and livelihood, and officers who have served five years or more in either branch of the service.”

#### SOCIETY OF THE ARMY OF THE CUMBERLAND.

Organized February 6th, 1868.

#### “OBJECTS.

“To perpetuate the memory of the fortunes and achievements of the Army of the Cumberland ; to preserve that unanimity of loyal sentiment and that kind and cordial feeling which has been an eminent characteristic of this army, and the main element of the power and success of its efforts in behalf of the cause of the Union. The history and glory of the officers and soldiers belonging to this army, who have fallen either on the field of battle or otherwise in the line of their duty, shall be a permanent trust to this Society, and every effort shall be made to collect and preserve the proper memorials of

their services, to inscribe their names upon the roll of honor, and to transmit their fame to posterity. It shall also be the object and bounden duty of this Society to relieve, as far as possible, the families of such deceased officers and soldiers, when in indigent circumstances, either by the voluntary contribution of the members, or in such other manner as they may determine, when the cases are brought to their attention. This provision shall also hereafter apply to the suffering families of those members of the Society who may in the future be called hence, and the welfare of the soldier's widow and orphan shall forever be a holy trust in the hands of his surviving comrades."

"MEMBERSHIP.

"Composed of officers and soldiers who served with honor in the Army of the Cumberland."

SOCIETY OF THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Organized July 5th, 1869.

"OBJECTS.

"To cherish the memories and associations of the Army of the Potomac; to strengthen the ties of fraternal fellowship and sympathy formed from companionship in that Army; to perpetuate the name and fame of those who have fallen either on the field of battle or in the line of duty with that Army; to collect and preserve the record of its great achievements, its numerous and well-contested battles, its campaigns, marches, and skirmishes."

"MEMBERSHIP.

"Its membership is composed of officers and men who served with honor in the Army of the Potomac, and were honorably discharged therefrom, or remained in service in the regular Army; and also includes officers and men serving on vessels which, during the war, were in active and immediate co-operation with the Army of the Potomac, and who were honorably discharged therefrom or remained in the regular service."

## SOCIETY OF THE ARMY OF THE TENNESSEE.

Organized April 14th, 1865.

### "OBJECTS.

"To keep alive and preserve that kindly and cordial feeling which has been one of the characteristics of this Army during its career in the service, and which has given it such harmony of action, and contributed in no small degree to its glorious achievements in our country's cause.

"The fame and glory of all the officers belonging to this Army who have fallen either on the field of battle or in their line of duty shall be a sacred trust to this Society, which shall cause proper memorials of their services to be collected and preserved, and thus transmit their names with honor to posterity."

### "MEMBERSHIP.

"Officers who served with honor in said Army."

## SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI.

This society was instituted on the 13th of May, 1783, by the officers of the Revolutionary army under the immediate command of General Washington, at the head-quarters of Baron Steuben on the Hudson River.

### "OBJECTS.

"It having pleased the Supreme Governor of the universe, in the disposition of human affairs, to cause the separation of the Colonies of North America from the domination of Great Britain, and, after a bloody conflict of eight years, to establish them free and independent sovereign states, connected, by alliances founded on reciprocal advantage, with some of the great princes and powers of the earth ;

"To perpetuate, therefore, as well the remembrance of this vast event, as the mutual friendships which have been formed under the pressure of common danger, and, in many instances, cemented by the blood of the parties, the officers of the American Army do,

hereby, in the most solemn manner, associate, constitute, and combine themselves into one SOCIETY OF FRIENDS, to endure as long as they shall endure, or any of their eldest male posterity, and, in failure thereof, the collateral branches who may be judged worthy of becoming its supporters and members.

“The officers of the American Army having generally been taken from the citizens of America, possess high veneration for the character of that illustrious Roman, LUCIUS QUINTIUS CINCINNATUS, and being resolved to follow his example, by returning to their citizenship, they think they may with propriety denominate themselves, the SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI.

“The following principles shall be immutable and form the basis of the *Society of the Cincinnati*:

“An incessant attention to preserve inviolate those exalted rights and liberties of human nature for which they have fought and bled, and without which the high rank of a rational being is a curse instead of a blessing.

“An unalterable determination to promote and cherish, between the respective States, that union and national honor so essentially necessary to their happiness, and the future dignity of the American empire.”

#### “MEMBERSHIP.

“All the officers of the American Army, as well those who have resigned with honor, after three years' service in the capacity of officers, or who have been deranged by the resolutions of Congress upon the several reforms of the army, as those who shall have continued to the end of the war, have the right to become parties to this institution, provided that they subscribe one month's pay, and sign their names to the general rules, in their respective State Societies; those who are present with the army immediately, and others within six months after the army shall be disbanded, extraordinary cases excepted. The rank, time of service, resolution of Congress by which any have been deranged, and place of residence, must be added to each name. And as a testimony of affection to the memory and the offspring of such officers as have died in the service, their eldest male branches shall have the same right of becoming members,

as the children of the actual members of the Society. . . . And as there are, and will at all times be, men in the respective States eminent for their abilities and patriotism, whose views may be directed to the same laudable objects with those of the Cincinnati, it shall be a rule to admit such characters, as honorary members of the Society, for their own lives only : Provided always, that the number of honorary members, in each State, does not exceed a ratio of one to four of the officers or their descendants."

"That the General Society conceive the true interpretation of the institution regarding the descent is, that the original member is to be the propositus from whom succession is to be derived, and that the collateral branches are those collateral to the original member, and the succession should be through the direct male line, and not through females, until all the male lines have become extinct."

#### SOCIETY OF COLONIAL DAMES OF AMERICA.

Organized April 8th, 1891.

##### "OBJECTS.

"To collect manuscripts, traditions, relics, and mementoes of bygone days for preservation, . . . commemorate the success of the American Revolution and consequent birth of our glorious Republic ; diffuse healthful and intelligent information in whatever concerns the past and tends to create popular interest in American history and with a true spirit of patriotism seek to inspire genuine love of country in every heart within its range of influence, and to teach the young that it is a sacred obligation to do justice and honor to heroic ancestors whose ability, valor, sufferings, and achievements are beyond all praise."

##### "MEMBERS.

"Women who are descended in their own right from some ancestor of worthy life who came to reside in an American colony prior to 1750, which ancestor or some one of his descendants, being a lineal ascendant of the applicant, shall have rendered efficient service to his country during the Colonial period, either in the founding



of a commonwealth, or of an institution which has survived and developed into importance, or who shall have held important position in the Colonial government, and who by distinguished services shall have contributed to the founding of this great and powerful nation. Services rendered after 1783 not recognized."

#### SOCIETY OF COLONIAL WARS.

##### " OBJECTS.

" *Whereas*, It is desirable that there should be adequate celebrations commemorative of the events of Colonial history, happening from the settlement of Jamestown, Va., May 13, 1607, to the battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775 ;

" *Therefore*, The Society of Colonial Wars has been instituted to perpetuate the memory of those events, and of the men who, in military, naval, and civil positions of high trust and responsibility, by their acts or counsel, assisted in the establishment, defense, and preservation of the American Colonies, and were in truth the founders of this Nation. With this end in view, it seeks to collect and preserve manuscripts, rolls, relics, and records ; to provide suitable commemorations or memorials relating to the American Colonial period, and to inspire in its members the fraternal and patriotic spirit of their forefathers, and in the community respect and reverence for those whose public services made our freedom and unity possible."

##### " MEMBERSHIP.

" Any male person above the age of twenty-one years, of good moral character and reputation, shall be eligible to membership in the Society of Colonial Wars, who is lineally descended, in the male or female line, from an ancestor :

" (1) Who served as a military or naval officer, or as a soldier, sailor, or marine, or as a privateersman, under authority of the Colonies which afterward formed the United States, or in the forces of Great Britain which participated with those of the said Colonies in any wars in which the said colonies were engaged, or in which they enrolled men, from the settlement of Jamestown, May 13, 1607, to the battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775 ; or,

“(2) Who held office in any of the Colonies between the dates above mentioned, either as

“(a) Director-General, Vice-Director-General, or member of the Council or legislative body in the Colony of New Netherlands.

“(b) Governor, Lieutenant- or Deputy-Governor, Lord Proprietor, member of the King's or Governor's Council, or legislative body in the Colonies of New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Delaware.

“(c) Lord Proprietor, Governor, Deputy-Governor, or member of the Council or of the legislative body in Maryland and the Carolinas.

“(d) Governor, Deputy-Governor, Governor's Assistant, or Commissioner to the United Colonies of New England, or member of the Council, body of Assistants, or legislative body in any of the New England Colonies.

“One collateral representative of an ancestor, such as above specified, shall be eligible to membership, provided there be no existing lineal descendant, and provided that such person be the oldest collateral representative in the male line of such ancestor, or has filed with the Secretary-General of the Society written renunciation from all other persons having nearer claims to representation.

“No State Society shall adopt any rule of eligibility for membership which shall admit any person not eligible for membership in the General Society ; but any State Society may, except as to members transferred from another State Society, further restrict at its discretion the basis of eligibility for membership in its own Society.”

#### SOCIETY OF DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Organized October 11th, 1890.

#### “OBJECTS.

“To perpetuate the memory and the spirit of the men and women who achieved American Independence, by the acquisition and protection of historical spots and the erection of monuments ; by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results ; by the preservation of



documents and relics, and of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, and by the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries.

“To carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, ‘to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge,’ thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens.

“To cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom, to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing for mankind all the blessings of liberty.”

#### “MEMBERSHIP.

“Any woman may be eligible for membership who is of the age of eighteen years, and who is descended from an ancestor who, with unfailing loyalty, rendered material aid to the cause of Independence as a recognized patriot, as a soldier or sailor, or as a civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or of the United Colonies or States; or from the mother of such a patriot; provided that the applicant shall be acceptable to the Society.”

#### SOCIETY OF MAYFLOWER DESCENDANTS.

Organized December 22d, 1894.

#### “OBJECTS.

“*Whereas*, Our ancestors, passengers on ‘The Mayflower,’ landed in December, 1620, on Plymouth Rock, Massachusetts, and

“*Whereas*, They came to settle in a new land and to found a new home and government, for the benefit of themselves and their posterity, and

“*Whereas*, After struggles and hardships, which in the first year after their landing carried off one-half of their number and necessitated years of continued bravery and fortitude against innumerable trials of the severest kind, and

"Whereas, Their acts and example have been instrumental in the establishment of Civil and Religious Liberty throughout this land,

"Therefore, This society is formed by lineal descendants of that band of Pilgrims, to preserve their memory, their records, their history, and all facts relating to them, their ancestors, and their posterity."

"MEMBERSHIP.

"Every lineal descendant, over eighteen years of age, of any passenger of the voyage of the 'Mayflower,' which terminated at Plymouth, Massachusetts, December, 1620, including all signers of 'The Compact,' shall be eligible to membership. They must be proposed, seconded, and elected."

SOCIETY OF SONS OF THE REVOLUTION.

Instituted February 22d, 1876. Reorganized December 4th, 1883.

"OBJECTS.

"To perpetuate the memory of the men who, in the military, naval, and civil service of the Colonies and of the Continental Congress, by their acts or counsel achieved the independence of the country, and to further the proper celebration of the anniversaries of the birthday of Washington and of the prominent events connected with the war of the Revolution; to collect and secure for preservation the rolls, records, and other documents relating to that period; to inspire the members of the Society with the patriotic spirit of their forefathers; and to promote the feeling of friendship among them."

"MEMBERSHIP.

"Any male person above the age of twenty-one years, of good character, and a descendant of one who, as a military, naval, or marine officer, soldier, sailor, or marine, in actual service, under the authority of any of the thirteen Colonies or States or of the Continental Congress, and remaining always loyal to such authority, or a descendant of one who signed the Declaration of Independence, or of one who, as a member of the Continental Congress or of the

Congress of any of the Colonies or States, or as an official appointed by or under the authority of any such legislative bodies, actually assisted in the establishment of American Independence by services rendered during the war of the Revolution, becoming thereby liable to conviction of treason against the government of Great Britain, but remaining always loyal to the authority of the Colonies or States, shall be eligible to membership in the Society."

#### SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES DAUGHTERS—1776-1812.

In the State of Louisiana.

##### "OBJECTS.

"*Whereas*, In all time and in all ages, valor, patriotism, and self-sacrifice have been justly held as the triune virtues which constitute true heroism ; and

"*Whereas*, Next to the approval of God and our conscience, the approval of our fellowmen must ever remain the incentive to great and noble deeds ; therefore be it

"*Resolved*, That in recalling the deeds of those who in 1776 sacrificed fortune and life itself in the defense of their liberties, and of those who, in 1812, in the face of like hardships and discouragements, settled forever the question of our national Independence, the United States Daughters of 1776 and 1812 honor themselves, and hold up to their children examples of disinterested patriotism, steadfastness in adversity, and unflinching courage in defense of right, which will, we trust, influence their lives in whatever paths an all-wise Providence may lead them.

"It is, therefore, the aim and purpose of this Society to collect such papers, letters, and documents as shall help to write a true and impartial history of our country ; *to honor the graves of those patriots who gave their lives to the good cause* ; to promote friendly and social relations between the descendants of those who made that history possible, and for such other worthy objects as the Society, from time to time, may judge wise and proper."

#### " MEMBERSHIP.

" Any *white* woman shall be eligible to membership in the United States Daughters of 1776-1812, who is *lineally* descended from an ancestor who, either as a military, naval, or marine officer, soldier, sailor, or marine, or an official, or in any effective way and with unflinching loyalty, assisted in establishing American Independence during the wars of 1776 and 1812 ; provided she be of good moral character, and shall be judged worthy of becoming a member."

#### SONS OF VETERANS, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

Instituted April 24, 1879. Incorporated, 1881.

#### " OBJECTS.

" To keep green the memories of our fathers and their sacrifices for the maintenance of the Union.

" To aid the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, and all honorably discharged Union soldiers, sailors, and marines, in the caring for their helpless and disabled veterans ; to extend aid and protection to their widows and orphans ; to perpetuate the memory and history of their heroic dead, and the proper observance of Memorial Day and Union Defenders Day.

" To aid and assist worthy and needy members of our Order.

" To inculcate patriotism and love of country, not only among our membership, but among all the people of our land, and to spread and sustain the doctrine of equal rights, universal liberty, and justice to all."

#### " MEMBERSHIP.

" All male descendants not less than 18 years of age, of deceased or honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, or marines, who served in the Union Army or Navy, during the Civil War of 1861-1865, shall be eligible to membership, provided that no person shall be eligible who has ever been convicted of any infamous crime, or who has, or whose father has ever, borne arms against the Government of the United States of America."

## THE ARMY OF WEST VIRGINIA.

Preliminary Organization, September 22d, 1870. Formally Organized, October 19th, 1871.

### 'OBJECTS.

"To cherish the memories and associations of the Army of West Virginia; to strengthen the ties of fraternal fellowship and sympathy formed from companionship in the Army; to perpetuate the name and fame of those who have fallen either on the field of battle or in the line of duty with that Army; to collect and preserve the record of its great achievements, its numerous and well-contested battles, its campaigns, marches, and skirmishes."

### "MEMBERSHIP.

"The Association may include the Governors of the State of West Virginia previous to the close of the war; every officer and enlisted man who has at any time served with honor in that Army and been honorably discharged therefrom or remains in service in the Regular Army; also any officer and enlisted man living in what was the Department of West Virginia, but having served in other armies and having been honorably discharged therefrom. Honorary members may, from time to time, be elected from those who served with distinction in any of the other armies or in the Navy of the United States."

## THE ARYAN ORDER OF ST. GEORGE OF THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE IN THE COLONIES OF AMERICA.

Instituted March 11th, 1892.

### "OBJECTS.

"II. The purpose of this Society is to promote social virtues, to reprobate fashionable vices and follies, to preserve genealogical records of the families of members and the accounts of their historic greatness as means to further the end by enlivening a feeling of family worth and honor with present memorials.

### 'MEMBERSHIP.

"V. That a membership proposed to be conferred must be approved by the Supreme Council or its duly authorized representative,

requirements being honorable character, illustrious and honorable family, colonial or noble, of the Aryan race.

"X. The children of the members are to succeed them in membership, according to the prerogative of members of a body corporate to choose their successors.

"XI. Ladies are eligible to membership in the Order.

"XII. All descendants, male or female, of the first ancestor entitled to membership in the Order, who bear the family name, are eligible as members, and constitute but one family. That member of a family who represents the eldest line male ranks as Cacique or Chief of the family in the Order.

"XIII. All members receive a diploma from the Order, the Caciques, in addition, transmit to their heirs the titles and the decorations of the Order,—the imperial two-headed eagle, vert, on whose breast is the red cross of St. George for the Holy Empire, which is the insignia or coat-of-arms of the Order.

"XIV. Families in the Order are distinguished by emblazoning their coat-of-arms on the two-headed eagle, while the Caciques bear, in addition, an ancient ducal coronet between the eagle's heads. The pedigrees of all members are to be lodged with their State Societies, having recorded ancestral titles and arms with historic evidence.

"XV. That membership in the Order must be restricted to those descended from the following :

"1. Those ennobled, knighted, or decorated by royalty for meritorious service.

"2. British officers, civil or military, of honorable discharge, settled in America from the earliest to latest date. (This includes the whole body of the American colonial magistracy and officers.)

"3. Families of honorable mention entitled to coat-of-arms."

#### THE COLONIAL SOCIETY OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Incorporated December 29<sup>th</sup>, 1892.

#### "OBJECTS.

"For the purpose of collecting and preserving mementoes of our Colonial Ancestors ; propagating knowledge of their lives and deeds by the publication of ancient documents and records ; culti-



vating an interest in the history of our country, and more especially of the Colonies of Plymouth and The Massachusetts Bay ; encouraging individual research into the part taken by our forefathers in the building of our nation ; promoting intelligent discussion of events in which the people of our Commonwealth have been concerned, in order that justice may be done to participants and false claims silenced ; and inspiring among our members a spirit of fellowship based upon a proper appreciation of our common ancestry."

#### " MEMBERSHIP.

"The number of Resident Members of the Society shall never exceed one hundred. They shall be elected from among the citizens of Massachusetts, and shall cease to be members whenever they cease to be residents thereof. The number of Honorary Members never shall exceed twenty.

"They shall be elected from among non-residents of Massachusetts, and shall cease to be members if at any time they become both citizens and permanent residents thereof. But no person shall be eligible to membership who cannot prove, by documentary evidence satisfactory to the Council, his lineal descent from an ancestor who was a resident of the Colonies of Plymouth or The Massachusetts Bay."

#### THE DAUGHTERS OF THE CINCINNATI.

Incorporated December 27th, 1894.

#### " OBJECTS.

"The objects of this Association are to renew, foster, and develop among its members the friendships formed and cemented amid the trying ordeals of the War of the Revolution ; to advance and encourage investigation and study of the history of the Revolution, and to instil in the minds of the rising generations a knowledge of and reverence for the intelligent wisdom which planned and successfully carried out the struggle for liberty ; to cherish the memory and record the deeds of the noble women who, with heroic and untiring devotion, influenced, encouraged, and assisted the patriotic cause ; and to commemorate by celebrations and tablets the achievements of their ancestors in the Revolution, as well as to gather and preserve documents and relics relating to the Revolutionary period."

#### " MEMBERSHIP.

"Direct lineal descendants of the army and naval officers and members of the Society of the Cincinnati are eligible for such membership.

"The chief condition of eligibility laid down in the Constitution is that each candidate for admission must be invited to join the Society by one of its members; she must also be seconded by another, and known by a third."

#### THE HOLLAND SOCIETY OF NEW YORK.

Incorporated May 12th, 1875.

#### " OBJECTS.

"*First.*—To collect and preserve information respecting the early history and settlement of the city and State of New York by the Dutch, and to discover, collect, and preserve all still existing documents, monuments, etc., relating to their genealogy and history.

"*Second.*—To perpetuate the memory and foster and promote the principles and virtues of the Dutch ancestors of its members, and to promote social intercourse among the latter.

"*Third.*—To gather by degrees a library for the use of the Society, composed of all obtainable books, monographs, pamphlets, manuscripts, etc., relating to the Dutch in America.

"*Fourth.*—To cause statedly to be prepared and read before the Society, papers, essays, etc., on questions in the history or genealogy of the Dutch in America.

"*Fifth.*—To cause to be prepared and published, when the requisite materials have been discovered and procured, collections for a memorial history of the Dutch in America, wherein shall be particularly set forth the part belonging to that element in the growth and development of American character, institutions, and progress."

#### " MEMBERS.

"SECTION I.—No one shall be eligible as a member unless he be of full age, of respectable standing in society, of good moral character, and the descendant, in the direct male line, of a Dutchman



who was a native or resident of New York or of the American colonies prior to the year 1675. This shall include those of other former nationalities who found in Holland a refuge or a home, and whose descendants in the male line came to this country as Dutch settlers, speaking Dutch as their native tongue. This shall also include descendants in the male line of Dutch settlers who were born within the limits of Dutch settlements, and descendants in the male line of persons who possessed the rights of Dutch citizenship with Dutch settlements in America, prior to the year 1675 ; also any descendant, in the direct male line, of a Dutchman, one of whose descendants became a member of this Society prior to June 16, 1886.

## THE MILITARY ORDER OF THE LOYAL LEGION OF THE UNITED STATES.

Instituted April 15th, 1865.

### “OBJECTS.

“To cherish the memories and associations of the war waged in defense of the unity and indivisibility of the Republic ; strengthen the ties of fraternal fellowship and sympathy formed by companionship-in-arms ; advance the best interests of the soldiers and sailors of the United States, especially of those associated as companions of this Order, and extend all possible relief to their widows and children ; foster the cultivation of military and naval science ; enforce unqualified allegiance to the General Government ; protect the rights and liberties of American citizenship, and maintain National Honor, Union, and Independence.”

### “MEMBERSHIP.

“*First Class.*—1st. Commissioned officers and honorably discharged commissioned officers of the United States Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, Regular or Volunteer, including officers of assimilated or corresponding rank by appointment of the Secretary of War or Navy, who were actually engaged in the suppression of the Rebellion prior to the fifteenth day of April, 1865, and whose names appear in the Official Registers of the United States Army and Navy

and of the Volunteer Force of the United States Army, or who served under the President's call of the fifteenth day of April, 1861; or who, having served as non-commissioned officers, warrant officers, or enlisted men during the War of the Rebellion, have since been commissioned as officers in the United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps, or were commissioned as officers in the Volunteer Force prior to the twentieth day of August, 1866; and persons who, having served as non-commissioned officers, warrant officers, or enlisted men as aforesaid, shall have become eligible to membership by inheritance from officers not members of the Order, but who were eligible as such, who shall have died prior to the thirty-first day of December, 1892. Those elected under the provisions of this clause shall be designated Original Companions of the First Class. 2d. The eldest direct male lineal descendants, according to the rules of primogeniture, of deceased Original Companions of the First Class, and of officers not members of the Order, but who were eligible as such, who shall have died prior to the thirty-first day of December, 1892; and if there are no such descendants, then the male heirs of such deceased Companions or officers in the collateral branches of their families in the order of genealogical succession according to the rules of primogeniture, disregarding intervening female lines. Provided, however, *First*, That the inheritance shall in every case of succession be traced anew from the original founder of the membership in the Order, or deceased officer as aforesaid, and not otherwise, and shall be limited in cases of collateral succession to the brothers, and descendants of brothers and sisters, of such Original Companion or deceased officer; in cases of representation through females, the elder branches shall be preferred to the younger: *Second*, That any person eligible to membership by inheritance, or by renunciation of another, may, in writing, waive and renounce his right to such eligibility in favor of the person next entitled at the time of such renunciation, excepting that no person who is a direct lineal descendant of an Original Companion or deceased officer as aforesaid, shall be allowed to waive his right in favor of a collateral relative of such Original Companion or deceased officer: *Third*, That in case a Companion of the First Class or person already eligible to membership is next in the line of inheritance from a deceased Original Com-

panion or officer as aforesaid, the eligibility to membership derived from such deceased Companion or officer shall devolve upon the person next entitled other than such living Companion or person already eligible or the direct lineal descendants of either ; but any Original Companion having no direct lineal descendants may, by writing filed with the Recorder of the Commandery in which he may be enrolled, or by his last will and testament, or instrument in the nature thereof, nominate for life his successor from among his male heirs within the said limits in the collateral branches of his family : *Fourth*, That in cases of inheritance by persons under the age of twenty-one years the right of succession to eligibility to membership, or of renunciation thereof, shall remain in abeyance until they shall attain that age : *Fifth*, That the resignation, expulsion, or forfeiture of membership of a Companion who has attained such membership by inheritance shall only work as a waiver of his rights in favor of the next person in the line of inheritance from the Original Companion or deceased officer as aforesaid : *Sixth*, That no right of inheritance shall be derived from any Original Companion who has been expelled from the Order and not reinstated, but, in case an Original Companion shall have resigned or been dropped from the roll for non-payment of dues, his successor may be allowed, by a vote of a majority of the members of the Commandery present at any stated meeting, to revive the said right : *Seventh*, That such descendants or collateral heirs shall have first filed affidavits setting forth the facts upon which eligibility to membership is claimed.

“*Second Class*.—The eldest sons of living Original Companions of the First Class who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years. Upon the death of his father, a Companion of the Second Class shall become a Companion of the First Class, and be so announced to the Order by circular. Companions of the Second Class shall have the right to vote in all cases except in elections for membership in the First Class.

“*Third Class*.—Gentlemen who in civil life, during the Rebellion, were specially distinguished for conspicuous and consistent loyalty to the National Government, and were active and eminent in maintaining the supremacy of the same ; but the number of Companions of the Third Class in any Commandery shall not exceed the ratio of one to

thirty-three of those of the First Class. Provided, however, That no Companion of the Third Class shall be elected after the fifteenth day of April, 1890."

#### THE NATIONAL MARY WASHINGTON MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION.

Organized February 22d, 1890, for 1000 years.

#### "OBJECTS.

"The particular objects of the Society are the erection of a suitable monument to Mary, the mother of George Washington, including the acquisition of such ground as may be proper, and the improvement thereof by enclosure and otherwise, and the maintenance and preservation in good order, in perpetuity, of said monument with the improvements."

#### "CONTRIBUTORS.

"Any person who shall pay to the Treasurer annually the sum of one dollar or more shall be recorded as a contributor for that year and shall be published as such in the annual report of the Board of Directors."

#### *Providing for a List of Life Members.*

"35.—The payment of twenty-five dollars by one person at the same time shall entitle the person so paying to an Hereditary Life Membership in the Association, the certificate of which is a medal in the form of a star with the head of Mary, the mother of Washington, in the center, the initials of the Association (N. M. W. M. A.) in blue and white enamel upon the five points on the obverse side, and the Washington Heraldic colors on the reverse side.

"This Association being organized for perpetuity, these Life Members, and their successors by inheritance, are privileged to aid in caring for the protection and preservation of the grave and monument of the mother of Washington for all future time. These medals are as an inheritance to descend from mother to daughter or granddaughter, and so on in the direct female line, or failing these, by will or deed, and entitle the inheritor to a vote at all meetings of the Association after February 22d, 1896.

"No medals will be given out after that date."

## THE NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY IN THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Organized May 6th, 1805. Incorporated April 15th, 1833.

### "OBJECTS.

"To commemorate the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers on Plymouth Rock ; to promote friendship, charity, and mutual assistance : and for literary purposes."

### "MEMBERSHIP.

"Any person of the age of eighteen years and over, being a native, or descendant of a native, of any of the New England States, and of good moral character, is eligible to membership, wherever he may reside."

## THE PILGRIM SOCIETY.

Incorporated 1820.

### "OBJECT.

"The landing of the Pilgrims at Plymouth in the month of December, in the year 1620, and the permanent foundations laid by them in Church and Commonwealth under peculiar circumstances of privations and toil, are among the first lines of the history of New England and of these United States. Their various emigrations from the north of England, the land of their nativity, to Amsterdam and to Leyden, in Holland, in 1607 and 1609, and their final removal to America, in 1620, as above stated, are remarkable eras in their pilgrimage, the commemoration of which has become an anniversary piously celebrated on the 22d day of December by their descendants.

"That these historical events should be perpetuated by durable monuments, to be erected at Plymouth, is a desirable object in which public feeling very laudably concurs, and which has led to the institution and incorporation of the Pilgrim Society."

### MEMBERSHIP.

"Any person of good moral character, who shall have paid into the treasury for the use of the Society, the sum of five dollars (or



any person who shall have paid or shall pay the sum of five dollars in aid of the proposed monument to be erected in honor of the Pilgrims), and obtained a certificate or receipt from the Treasurer, or, in his absence, from the Recording Secretary, for the said sum, shall be entitled to membership, and the Secretary shall, on receipt of such document, deliver to every such person a diploma accordingly.

“Any person of respectable character may be proposed as a candidate for honorary membership at any meeting of the Society, and, if a majority of votes be given in his favor, he shall be admitted as an honorary member.

“Any person who shall present to the Library or Cabinet any article or articles which the Trustees shall deem sufficiently valuable to entitle him to membership, may be then admitted as a member.”

#### THE SOCIETY OF SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION.

Instituted April 30th, 1889.

#### “OBJECTS.

“To perpetuate the memory and the spirit of the men who achieved American Independence, by the encouragement of historical research in relation to the Revolution and the publication of its results, the preservation of documents and relics and of the records of the individual services of Revolutionary soldiers and patriots, and the promotion of celebrations of all patriotic anniversaries ; to carry out the injunction of Washington in his farewell address to the American people, ‘to promote, as an object of primary importance, institutions for the general diffusion of knowledge,’ thus developing an enlightened public opinion, and affording to young and old such advantages as shall develop in them the largest capacity for performing the duties of American citizens ; to cherish, maintain, and extend the institutions of American freedom ; to foster true patriotism and love of country, and to aid in securing to mankind all the blessings of liberty.”

#### " MEMBERSHIP.

"Any man is eligible for membership who is of the age of twenty-one years and who is descended from an ancestor who rendered material aid to the cause of American Independence as a soldier or a seaman, or a civil officer in one of the several Colonies or States, or as a recognized patriot, provided he shall be found worthy."

#### THE SOCIETY OF THE ARMY OF GEORGIA.

Instituted December 15th, 1868.

#### "OBJECTS.

"The object of the Association shall be to preserve and perpetuate the history of the Army of Georgia; to preserve and unite those patriotic sentiments, and to maintain and strengthen that courteous and friendly intercourse for which the members of this army have always been distinguished; to preserve the name and fame of the members of this army, who have fallen in the field, or who have otherwise perished in the service of their country, shall be one of the sacred duties of this Association, and no efforts shall be spared to collect and preserve in the archives of the Society, the testimonials of their deeds and services.

"This Society tenders to the widows and orphans of our fallen comrades its warmest sympathy, and readily pledges itself to provide for the wants and relieve the suffering of all such of them as are destitute, by the voluntary contribution of its members, or in such other way as from time to time may be determined.

"It further pledges itself to use all proper effort to procure for all such disabled soldiers, and their families, as are entitled thereto, the pensions and bounties now provided by law.

"The welfare of the soldier's widow; the good name and education of his children, shall always be regarded as a sacred privilege and trust of the Association."

#### " MEMBERSHIP.

"All such officers and soldiers as have at any time served in this army, and who have been honorably discharged from such service;

or who remain in service in the regular army, who shall have subscribed to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society.

“Honorary members may, from time to time, be elected from among the officers of other armies of the United States, who have served with distinction in their armies.”

#### THE SOCIETY OF THE ARMY OF THE OHIO.

Instituted December 15th, 1868.

##### “OBJECTS.

“To preserve and perpetuate the history of the Army of the Ohio ; to preserve and unite those patriotic sentiments, and to maintain and strengthen that courteous and friendly intercourse for which the members of this army have always been distinguished. To preserve the name and fame of the members of this army who have fallen in the field, or otherwise perished in the service of their country, shall be one of the sacred duties of this Association, and no efforts shall be spared to collect and preserve, in the archives of the Society, the testimonials of their deeds and services.

“This Society tenders to the widows and orphans of our fallen comrades its warmest sympathy, and sacredly pledges itself to provide for the wants and relieve the sufferings of all such as are destitute, by the voluntary contributions of the members, or in such other way as may from time to time be determined. It further pledges itself to use all proper effort, and procure for all such disabled soldiers, and their families, as are entitled thereto, the pensions now provided by law. The welfare of the soldier's widow, the good name and education of his children, shall always be regarded as a sacred trust of the Association.”

##### “MEMBERSHIP.

“All such officers and soldiers as have at any time served in this army, and who have been honorably discharged from such service ; or who remain in service in the regular army, who shall have subscribed to the Constitution and By-Laws of the Society, and paid their initiation fee.



“Honorary members may, from time to time, be elected from among the officers of other armies of the United States who have served with distinction in their armies.”

## THE SOCIETY OF THE WAR OF 1812.

Organized January 3rd, 1826.

### “OBJECTS.

“*Whereas*, The Congress of the United States, by Act approved June 18th, 1812, declared War to exist between the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the dependencies thereof and the United States of America and their territories ; and

“*Whereas*, This appeal to arms by the American People, after unexampled forbearance, was made necessary by a continued series of hostile encroachments and aggressions on their rights, interests, and territorial jurisdiction, and in defence of certain great principles of the Law of Nations which had been oppressively violated, for several years, to their great injury ; principles which may be summarized as follows :

“1.—That the Independence and territorial sovereignty of the nation is inviolable.

“2.—That the National flag protects seamen on regularly documented American vessels against Foreign impressment.

“3.—That the Neutral flag covers enemy's goods with the exception of contraband of war.

“4.—That neutral goods, with the exception of contraband of war, are not liable to capture under an enemy's flag ; and

“5.—That blockades, in order to be binding, must be effective ; that is to say, maintained by a force sufficient really to prevent access to the coast of the enemy and preclude a reasonable chance of entrance ; and

“*Whereas*, It is fitting that the principles for which ‘The War of Eighteen Hundred and Twelve’ was waged by the United States should ever be borne in remembrance and upheld by the American People.

"Therefore, This Military Society has been instituted by men who served in the Armies and Navies of the United States in the War of Eighteen Hundred and Twelve, to inspire among the members and among the American People the patriotic spirit of those who, in the military or naval service of the United States, or in service on private armed vessels of the United States, bearing commissions of letters of marque and reprisal from the United States, during the War, defended their Country against hostile encroachments on its rights and interests and caused its sovereignty and independence to be respected ; to inculcate and maintain the great principles of the Law of Nations for which they contended ; to collect and preserve the manuscript rolls, records, and other documents relating to that War, and to commemorate the Land and Naval victories of the American arms in that War ; to undertake and assist in the erection of proper memorials thereof ; to perpetuate the mutual friendships formed in that War under the pressure of common danger, and to promote fellowship among the members of every degree ; to participate in the celebration of other historic patriotic events of National importance, and generally to take such measures, patriotic, historical, literary, benevolent, and social, as may conduce to the general intendment of this Institution, and better accomplish the objects thereof."

#### " MEMBERSHIP.

"The members of this Institution shall be of two classes, namely :

"*Original or Hereditary*, who shall be members in their own right, and

"*Honorary*, who shall be members for their own lives without heritable succession.

"*Amendment to Article Governing Hereditary Membership, adopted October 18th, 1893 :*

"On and after January 8th, 1894, eligibility to Hereditary Membership shall be restricted and limited to the proper descendants of Commissioned Officers, Aides-de-Camp, and Commanding Officers of private armed vessels of the United States, comprehended and described in Section I. of this article ; and to the proper descendants

of Original and Hereditary Members of this Institution heretofore duly admitted ; and to the proper descendants of Original Members in military societies formed prior to January 8th, 1856, by men who served in the armies and navies of the United States in the War of 1812 ; and to Hereditary Members heretofore admitted in such military societies and their proper descendants ; and to the proper descendants of the veteran delegates ; and to the proper descendants of the veteran delegates to the national conventions of the soldiers of the War of 1812, held respectively in the city of Philadelphia on January 9th, 1854, and in the city of Washington on January 8th, 1855 ; *provided*, the actual military or sea service of the Original Member or propositus from whom descent is derived, were such as would have made him eligible to Original Membership in this Institution, and none other shall be eligible to Hereditary Membership."

#### "HONORARY MEMBERS.

"The President and Ex-Presidents of the United States, the Vice-President and Ex-Vice-Presidents of the United States, the Judges of the Supreme and Circuit Courts of the United States, General Officers of the Army of the United States, not below the rank of Major-General, Flag Officers of the Navy of the United States, not below the rank of Rear Admiral, General Officers of the Society of the Cincinnati and Presidents of the State Societies of that Order, and Citizens who have received the formal approbation of the Congress of the United States for distinguished conduct or eminent services, shall alone be eligible to Honorary Membership."

#### THE SONS OF DELAWARE.

Organized January 27th, 1892. Incorporated April 9th, 1892.

#### "OBJECTS.

"1. To promote social intercourse among Delawareans, by birth or ancestry, residing or located in the State of Pennsylvania and adjacent territory.

"2. To tender hospitality and manifest friendship toward Delawareans when they may be temporarily sojourning in the City of Philadelphia.

"3. To collect, preserve, and disseminate information relating to the history, folk-lore, and conditions of the people and relating to the institutions of the State of Delaware."

#### " MEMBERSHIP.

"Membership in this organization may be *active* or *honorary*.

"*Active*.—The applicant must be above the age of twenty-one years. He must have been born in the State of Delaware, or he must have been born of parents or grand-parents one of whom was born in the State of Delaware, or he must have been a resident of the State of Delaware for a continuous period of ten years, or possess such other qualifications as the Board of Governors shall deem within the scope and purposes of this organization.

"*Honorary*.—Honorary membership shall consist of such persons as this organization shall desire to honor by reason of some deserved distinction concerning the State of Delaware or the purposes of this organization."

### THE ST. NICHOLAS SOCIETY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK.

Organized February 26th, 1835. Incorporated April 17th, 1841.

#### " OBJECTS.

"To collect and preserve information respecting the history of the City of New York and to promote social intercourse among its native citizens, as well as to engage in certain relief-work."

#### " MEMBERSHIP.

"Any person of full age in respectable standing in society, of good moral character, who was a native or resident of the city or State of New York prior to the year 1785, or who is the descendant of any such native or resident, or who is a descendant of a member of this Society, shall be eligible as a member. But whenever, and

as long as there shall be six hundred and fifty members of the Society no one shall be elected to membership unless he be the descendant in the oldest male line of a member or former member, and in all elections to membership the ballot shall be first taken on the candidates who may be the descendants of members."

#### 1776—UNITED STATES DAUGHTERS—1812.

Incorporated 1892.

##### " OBJECTS.

"To secure the genealogies, facts, and traditions of the Founders of America in the French War, in the Revolution, and the War of 1812."

##### " MEMBERSHIP.

"Ladies eligible to membership in the Society, U.S.D., 1776-1812, must be lineal descendants from an ancestor who assisted in the War of 1776-1812, either as a military or naval officer, a soldier, or a sailor, or in any way gave aid to the cause, provided always that the Society reserves to itself the privilege of rejecting any nomination that may not be acceptable to it."



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